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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 21

1. WP (PAGE 2) "FORD PREDICTS GRAIN SALE SOLUTION IF ALL SIDES 'COOL IT'" BY CARROLL KILPATRICK, REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT SAID YESTERDAY THAT MARITIME UNION BOYCOTT OF GRAIN SALES TO USSR CAN BE RESOLVED IF ALL SIDES "COOL IT". SAID NATION NEEDS "OVERSEAS SALES OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND WE ARE GOING TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE CERTAIN THEY CONTINUE." (ALSO NYT, PAGE 1)

.2. WP (PAGE 21) VICTOR ZORZA COLUMN "THE GENERALS VS. THE POLITICIANS" STATES THAT SOVIET GENERAL STAFF IS DEMANDING FROM KREMLIN GREATER SAY IN MATTERS OF WAR AND PEACE ON GROUNDS THEY ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO BE LEFT TO POLITICIANS. DETAILS DEBATE BETWEEN MILITARY AND POLITICAL FACTIONS IN USSR RE 1973 WASHINGTON SUMMIT AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. MILITARY DID NOT AGREE THAT NEW PACT WAS AS REMARKABLE AS BREZHNEV CLAIMED AND IMPLIED IT WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A SCRAP OF PAPER.

3. NYT (PAGE 2) "CONGRESSMAN, ON VISIT TO SOVIET, PRESSES UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS ON EMIGRATION" BY CHRISTOPHER WREN. CONGRESSMAN DRINAN REPORTED THAT SOVIET VISA OFFICIALS HAD CONCEDED

THAT RECENT HELSINKI DECLARATION MIGHT NECESSITATE SOME

CHANGE IN EMIGRATION POLICIES. DRINAN SAID THAT OFFICIALS IN LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW HAD NOT INDICATED WHETHER ANY CHANGE WAS PLANNED. SAID HE BELIEVED PRESSURE FROM U.S. WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAKE MOSCOW IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS ON REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES.

3. NYT (PAGE 2) "HELSINKI TEXT AFFIRMED", REUTERS ITEM REPORTING THAT SOVIET UNION HAILED ALL TEN PRINCIPLES OF HELSINKI DECLARATION AS EQUALLY VALID, BUT SAID THAT IF ONE ISSUE WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS, IT WAS THE AGREEMENT THAT FRONTIERS WERE INVOLABLE. COMMENTARY IN PRAVDA LISTED AREAS COVERED AND ADDED THAT NO ONE COULD DENY THE UNITY OF ALL PRINCIPLES TAKEN TOGETHER.

4. SUN (PAGE 2) "FORD READY TO RUN ON ARMS ACCORD" BY HENRY TREWHITT, STATES THAT SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS WILLING TO MAKE A NUCLEAR ARMS TREATY AN ELECTION YEAR ISSUE AT HOME IF HE CAN STRIKE A MILITARILY SOUND DEAL WITH THE RUSSIANS.

5. SUN (PAGE 4) "SOVIET SUB FLEET CALLED POSSIBLE THREAT TO TRADE," AP ITEM DATELINED LONDON, REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO LATEST EDITION OF JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS, SOVIET FLEET OF NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL SUBMARINES HAS OUTGROWN LEGITIMATE REQUIREMENTS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, POSSIBLY POSING THREAT TO MERCANTILE SHIPPING LANES. (ALSO WSJ AND STAR)

6. SUN - MARQUIS CHILDS COLUMN "HELSINKI WAS NO MORE THAN A PLEDGE TO TRY."

7. CSM (PAGE 1) "US TELLS OF SOVIET 'HELP' ON MIDEAST - CONTACTS ON OIL-FOR-WHEAT DEAL ALSO DISCLOSED" DATELINE WASHINGTON. HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL STATES THERE WAS TACIT AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS THAT THEY REMAIN QUIET DURING SECRETARY'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MIDEAST SETTLEMENT. ALSO U.S. HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON POSSIBILITY UNCLASSIFIED

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OF WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOSCOW TO SEND U.S. SOME OF ITS OIL FOR U.S. WHEAT.

8. CSM - CHARLES YOST COLUMN: "HELSINKI - A PLUS FOR DETENTE."

9. CSM - "NEW SOVIET CAMPAIGN - IS IT REAL? PUSH FOR DISARMAMENT QUESTIONED BY WEST" BY ELIZABETH POND, DATELINE MOSCOW.

10. SUN - EDITORIAL "MEANINGS OF DETENTE."

11. NYT - ALEXANDER YANOV COLUMN "DETENTE AND THE

SOVIET MANAGERIAL CLASS." MAW

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